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Re: Columbia River Basin "State of the River Report for Toxics"

Over the past year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10, along with many other partners, has been developing the "State of the River Report for Toxics (Report)". The Report is intended to increase public understanding about the impacts of toxics in the Columbia Basin and to help foster new and enhance existing partnerships to improve and expand current toxics reduction efforts.

We plan to release the final version of the Report in January 2009. Prior to releasing the Report, we want to provide you with an opportunity to review and identify any major issues you may have with the Report. Because of the timeline for releasing the final Report, we are requesting you identify any major issues and provide comments to us by Friday, November 21. You can access the Report at the EPA Region 10 Columbia River Basin webpage: http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/ECOCOMM.NSF/Columbia/SoRR.

Background

In 2005, EPA joined other federal, state, local and nonprofit partners to form the Columbia River Toxics Reduction Working Group (Working Group). The idea behind the Working Group was to better coordinate and collaborate on toxics reduction work within the Basin. One of the first activities the Working Group initiated was to compile existing information on toxics in the Basin and potential solutions for reducing toxics. As you may be aware, over the past several decades, significant information has been collected on the levels of toxic contamination in water, sediment, fish and wildlife in the Basin. The Report is a first attempt at organizing this information so that the status and trends of toxics in the Basin can be evaluated and so that major activities to further reduce toxics within the Basin can

be identified.

Next Steps

After the final Report is released in January 2009, EPA and the Working Group will expand on the broad list of toxics reduction initiatives identified in the Report and will develop a work plan to provide a more detailed roadmap for future toxics reduction efforts. The work plan will then be shared with Basin stakeholders and residents to receive their input over the next year.

If you have any questions about the Report or you have major comments on the Report please contact me at (206) 553-2739 / williamson.ann@epa.gov or Mike Cox at (206) 553-1597 / cox.michael@epa.gov or Mary Lou Soscia at (503) 326-5873 / soscia.marylou@epa.gov. We look forward to working with you on this important project in the future.

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